registering a first message-indicating device for a user, said device comprising an indicator;

receiving notification of receipt of a first communication directed to the user; and initiating a first wheless signal to said device;

wherein in response to said first signal, said indicator activates to alert the user; and

wherein said first message-indicating device is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick.

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6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

storing said dentification code and said associations on a first registration server;

configuring said first registration server to automatically initiate said first wireless signal to said device in response to notification of receipt of one of said one or more types of communications.

7. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

storing said identification code and said associations on a first registration server;

receiving from the user a selection of one or more criteria identifying when said first signal should be sent in response to receipt of a first type of communication; and

configuring said first server to automatically initiate said first wireless signal to said device when:



it is determined that said first type of communication is received for the user; and

said one or more criteria are satisfied.

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12. A method of using a message-waiting device to notify a user of receipt of a communication for the user, the method comprising:

receiving a communication directed to a user;

initiating a first electronic signal to a first message-waiting device associated with the user, wherein said first message-waiting device includes an indicator and said first electronic signal is configured to activate said indicator;

providing said communication to said user; and

after said providing, automatically initiating a second electronic signal to said first message-waiting device, wherein said second electronic signal is configured to deactivate said indicator;

wherein said first message-indicating device is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick.

13. A method of indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

receiving a first wireless signal at a first message-indicating device, wherein said first device includes an alarm;

activating said alarm in response to said first wireless signal; and

deactivating said alarm;





wherein receipt of said first wireless signal indicates that a first communication was directed to a user of said first device; and

wherein said first message-indicating device is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick.

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19. A computer readable storage medium storing instructions that, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method of indicating receipt of a communication, the method comprising:

registering a first message-indicating device for a user, said device comprising an indicator;

receiving notification of receipt of a first communication directed to the user; and initiating a first wireless signal to said device;

wherein in response to said first signal, said indicator activates to alert the user; and

wherein said first message-indicating device is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick.

20. A portable apparatus for indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

a signal receiver configured to receive a first wireless signal generated after receipt of a communication; and

an indicator configured to activate in response to receipt of said first signal;

wherein said indicator is configured to deactivate in response to a second signal; and



wherein said apparatus is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick.

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26. A method of indicating a communication waiting status for a user, comprising:

receiving notification of a first communication for a first user;

accessing a user profile of the first user, said user profile identifying a set of communication waiting indication devices associated with the first user, wherein each device in said set of devices comprises an indicator;

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identifying a subset of said communication waiting indication devices based on said first communication; and

initiating a first wireless signal to said subset of devices, wherein in response to said first wireless signal said indicators of said subset of devices are actuated;

wherein said first message-indicating device is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick.

31. A dommunication waiting indication system comprising:

a first communication waiting indication device associated with a first user, said first device comprising an alarm; and

a notification server configured to issue a first wireless signal toward said first device in response to receipt of a first communication for the first user;

wherein in response to said first wireless signal, said alarm is activated; and

wherein said first message-indicating device is typically of rounded square shape with a dimension which is typically .5" long by .5" wide by .3" thick.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein said first device has an

identification code, further comprising:

a first registration server configured to store said identification code in association with a first user profile for the first user;

wherein said first user profile is configured to identify one or more types of communication, including said first communication, in response to which said first wireless signal is to be initiated toward said first device.